

What is claimed is:

1. An image management apparatus comprising:

photography instruction information storage means for
storing photography instruction information that indicates a
5 subject to be photographed;

communication means for sending the photography
instruction information to an imaging apparatus via a wireless
communication network and for receiving information
transmitted via the wireless communication network;

10 input means for receiving an input of image data obtained
by the imaging apparatus according to the photography
instruction information; and

storage means for storing the image data.

2. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1,

15 wherein the input means is means for receiving the input of the
image data sent from the imaging apparatus via the wireless
communication network.

3. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1,

further comprising communication control means for comparing
20 the image data stored in the storage means with the photography
instruction information stored in the photography instruction
information storage means, and for controlling the
communication means so that the photography instruction
information corresponding to the image data is sent again to
25 the imaging apparatus in the case where the storage means does
not have the image data corresponding to the photography

instruction information.

4. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1,
wherein the photography instruction information includes at
least position information representing a position of the
5 subject.

5. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1
further comprising:

position detection means for detecting a position of the
imaging apparatus, wherein

10 the communication control means controls the
communication means to send to the imaging apparatus the
photography instruction information corresponding to the
position of the imaging apparatus.

6. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1,
15 wherein the photography instruction information includes a
photography process representing the type of the subject to be
photographed and a deadline for obtaining the image data.

7. An image management apparatus as defined in Claim 1,
wherein the wireless communication network refers to a wireless
20 LAN communication network, or a cellular phone network, or a
short range wireless communication network.

8. An imaging apparatus comprising:

imaging means for obtaining image data representing a
subject by photography of the subject;

25 reception means for receiving the photography
instruction information from the image management apparatus

defined in Claim 1;

display means for displaying information including the photography instruction information; and

storage means for storing the image data obtained by the
5 imaging means according to the photography instruction information.

9. An imaging apparatus as defined in Claim 8, further comprising transmission means for sending the image data stored in the storage means to the image management apparatus defined
10 in Claim 1 via the wireless communication network.

10. An imaging apparatus as defined in Claim 9 further comprising:

position information obtaining means for obtaining position information representing a position of the imaging
15 apparatus; and

transmission control means for controlling the transmission means to send the position information to the image management apparatus defined in Claim 1.

11. An image storage management system comprising the
20 image management apparatus defined in Claim 1 and at least one imaging apparatus defined in Claim 8.